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Access Management – A strategy to optimize access to land from roads while ensuring that traffic can flow safely and efficiently. The number and locations of driveways (curb cuts) is often an integral component of access management.

ACS / American Community Survey – From the US Census: “The ACS is part of the Decennial Census Program. It is a survey that is sent to a small percentage of our population on a rotating basis. These data previously were collected only in census years in conjunction with the decennial census.” The ACS collects data annually.

ATS – Alternative Treatment System. An on-site sewage treatment system that pretreats effluent before discharged. It is used in place of a conventional septic system.

CL&P – Connecticut Light and Power.

Committed Land – Land that is used for a particular economic or social purpose (including open space).

“Complete Streets” – A philosophy that streets should be planned to accommodate all users – not just vehicles.

ConnDOT – The Connecticut Department of Transportation.

CRCOG – Capitol Region Council of Governments. The 29-community regional planning agency of which Vernon is a member.

Dedicated Open Space – Land preserved in perpetuity as open space.

DEP – CT Department of Environmental Protection.

Developed Land – Land that has buildings, structures, or improvements and is used for a particular economic or social purpose (such as residential or institutional).

Future Land Use Plan – A map illustrating the types of future land uses which may result in the community if the goals and strategies contained in the Plan of Conservation and Development are implemented.

Gateway – An entryway to a community or a district or place within a community. A gateway provides a first impression to those entering the community or area.

GIS – Geographic Information System. A computer system used for storing, retrieving, analyzing and mapping geographic information.

Greenway – A corridor of open space and / or trails usually located along a natural corridor such as a river or abandoned right of ways.

LID – Low Impact Development. Strategies to reduce the impact of development, including storm water management.

Managed Open Space – Land that is currently used for open space purposes but is not protected from future development.

Natural Diversity Database – From CT DEP: “Natural Diversity Data Base maps represent approximate locations of endangered, threatened and special concern species and significant natural communities in Connecticut.”

Node – A distinct area with notable character and a sense of place.

PA 490 – Public Act 490. The common term used for Public Act 63-490 (CGS 12-107). It is a tax reduction program that allows municipalities to assess qualifying farms, forest lands and vacant land based on their current use rather than potential value if developed.

Paratransit – Transit service that provides door to door rides but without a fixed timetable.

POCD – Plan of Conservation and Development. A long range land use plan prepared and adopted by a municipality pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 8-23.

PZC – The Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission.

RDA – The Rockville Downtown Association.

UST – Underground Storage Tank. A tank used to store fuel that is placed underground.

Vacant Land – Land that is not “developed” or “committed.” See definitions for “developed” and “committed” land above.